

**ENTERED**

December 20, 2018

David J. Bradley, Clerk

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
CORPUS CHRISTI DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	§	
	§	
VS.	§	CRIMINAL NO. 2:18-CR-1225-1
	§	
MARIE LARRAINE RIVERA; aka	§	
MARIE SANCHEZ; aka MARIE	§	
SANCHEZ-RIVERA	§	

**ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE**

Pending is Defendant MARIE LARRAINE RIVERA's motion for continuance. (D.E. 54). United States District Judge Nelva Gonzales Ramos referred the motion to the undersigned magistrate judge for disposition. The Government is unopposed to the motion. The defendant moves for a continuance because the defendant was recently arrested and first appeared in court in this Division with counsel on December 19, 2018. The final pretrial conference in this case was previously set for December 20, 2018. Defense counsel has had no time to investigate, conduct discovery, consult with the defendant or otherwise prepare.

The Court has considered the Unopposed Motion for Continuance of the Pretrial Conference and Trial of the defendant and finds that this motion should be **GRANTED**.


Accordingly, the Court GRANTS the motion for continuance and further finds pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A) the ends of justice served by the granting of the continuance outweigh the best interests of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial.

Taking into account the exercise of due diligence, failure to grant the continuance would deny counsel for the defendant reasonable time necessary for effective preparation.

It is further ORDERED that this case is set for a Final Pretrial Conference before U.S. Magistrate Judge Jason Libby on **January 29, 2019 at 2:30 p.m.** and Jury Selection and Trial are set before U.S. District Judge Nelva Gonzales Ramos on **February 11, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.**

Counsel are reminded to adhere to the Court's scheduling orders. Discovery motions shall be filed within 10 days. Except for discovery motions and motions in limine, all other motions shall be filed within 20 days. The parties are ordered to file motions in limine, exhibit and witness lists, and proposed jury instructions no later than **3 days before the final pretrial conference**. Any plea bargain or plea agreement entered by the parties must be made known in writing on or before **3 days before the final pretrial conference**. No plea bargain or plea agreement entered after this date will be honored by the Court without good cause shown for the delay. Any motion to continue the Final Pretrial Conference and Jury Selection and Trial must be filed no later than **7 days before the final pretrial conference**. Failure to abide by this deadline may result in the motion being denied.

ORDERED this 19th day of December 2018.

  
Jason B. Libby  
United States Magistrate Judge